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PROBABLE AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA
GOMEL, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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PROBABLE AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA
(52-23N 030-45E)
GOMEL, GOMELSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD
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BE No: See text

AL No: None

COMOR No: None

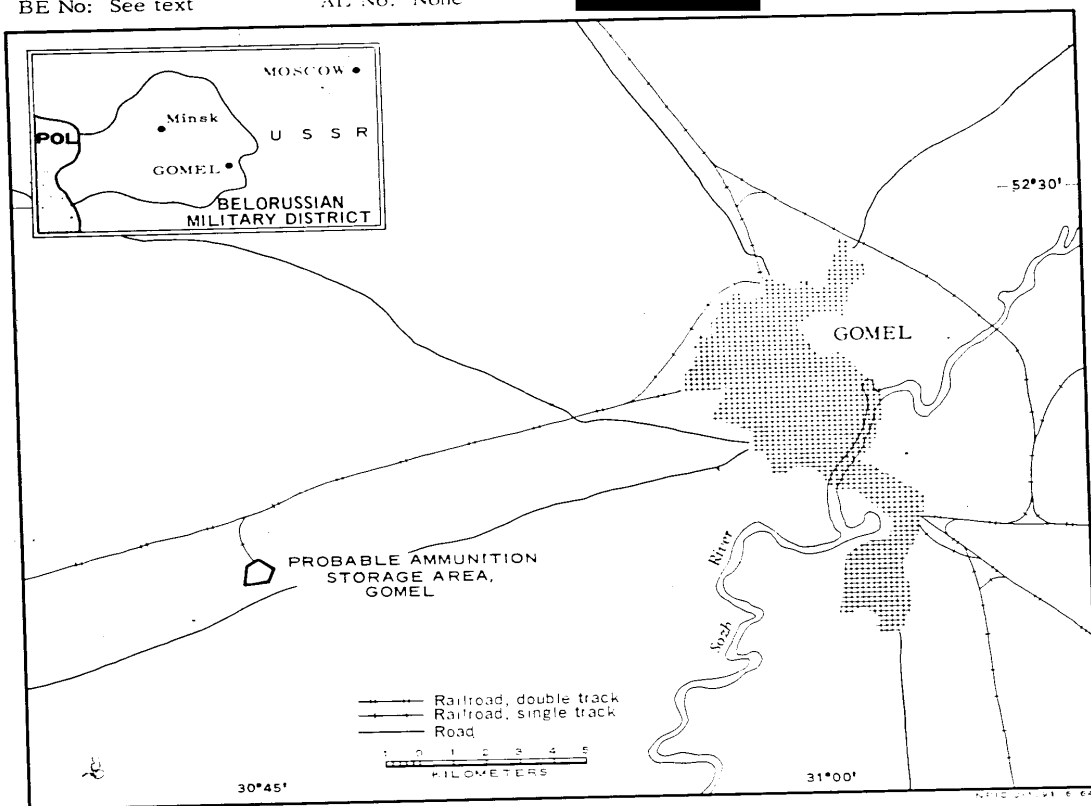


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF PROBABLE AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, GOMEL, USSR.

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SUMMARY

A probable ammunition storage area, listed in the Bombing Encyclopedia as the Gomel Unidentified Storage Area [REDACTED] is located 17 kilometers (km) southwest of Gomel (52-27N 030-59E) on the south side of the Rechitsa-Gomel rail line. The installation is served by a spur from the Rechitsa-Gomel rail line and has road connections with the primary roads serving Gomel. Gomel Army Barracks is located 13.5 km northeast and Borkhov MRBM Launch Sites 1 and 2 are located 8.5 km southwest and 8.5 km northwest respectively. Gomel Army Barracks Novobelitsa (AL-1) and Gomel Army Barracks Khutoi (AL-3) are 20.6 km east and 18.2 km east-southeast respectively.

The installation covers approximately 245 acres and contains 45 probable ammunition storage buildings, 13 support buildings, and two guard shacks. The area is double fenced, surrounded by a wide firebreak, with the southern portion apparently secured internally from the rest of the installation. The security fences, firebreak, and the dispersal of the buildings indicate the installation is a probable ammunition storage area. 25X1D

The area was covered by [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions between [REDACTED] 25X1D No change in facilities was observed; however, the installation was clearly visible only on the [REDACTED] coverage.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The area is served by a rail spur from the Gomel-Rechitsa rail line.

Road Service

The installation is connected by secondary road to the primary highway serving Gomel.

Ammunition Storage Area

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] foot probable ammunition storage buildings and five support buildings. 25X1D

Some of the buildings are probably rail served; however, the rail spur is snow covered on the only photography on which the installation is clearly visible and cannot be traced inside the storage area.

Other Buildings

Eight support buildings are located outside the secured area. Two guard shacks are at the main entrance.

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FIGURE 2. PROBABLE AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, GOMEL, USSR, [REDACTED]

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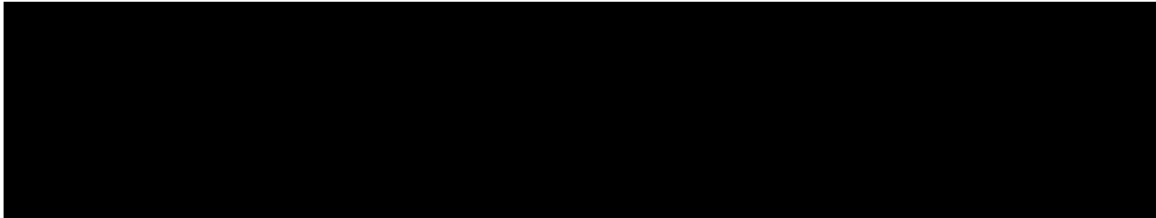
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